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TAGS: CASC(STOEN, JOHN VICTOR)
SUBJECT: W/W JOHN VICTOR STOEN
REF: GEORGETOWN 0406 AND PREVIOUS
1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES ASSESSMENT CONTAINED REFTEL AND CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S BELIEF THAT APPROACH TO GOG RE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY DECISION ON CUSTODY OF JOHN VICTOR NOT APPROPRIATE, AT LEAST UNTIL CUSTODY IS AWARDED. TO ALLEGATIONS OF EITHER SIDE THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT ARE BIASED IN FAVOR OF OPPONENT, DEPARTMENT POINTS OUT EMBASSY'S MEETINGS WITH BOTH PARTIES AND STRICT NEUTRALITY AS TO THE MERITS OF THE CASE IN REFUTING SUCH CHARGES.
2. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED AS TO JOHN VISTORS AL'WHL
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PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN GUYANA. WITHOUT INVESTIGATION WHICH WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF BIAS, CAN EMBASSY PROVIDE ANY CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT STOEN IS INDEED AT PEOPLE'S TEMPLE? VANCE
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